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Applicant: Raafat E.F. Fahim et al.
Title: ACELLULAR PERTUSSIS VACCINES AND METHODS
OF PREPARATION THEREOF
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The Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks,
Washington, D.C. 20231,
U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

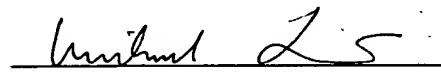
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This communication is in response to the Office
Action of February 27, 1997.

The Examiner required restriction to one of three
groups of claims, namely, Group I - Claims 1 to 17, Group II -
Claims 18 to 26 and Group III - Claims 27 to 42. The
applicant hereby elects the claims of Group III for
examination at the present time.

This election is made without prejudice of the
applicants' right to pursue the claims of Groups I and II in
other applications. In this regard, it is noted that Claims 1
to 17 are being pursued in parent application No. 08/433,646.

Respectfully submitted,



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